

Provision of information to members of the Oireachtas by An Bord Pleanála

Quarter 2 2017 : 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017

Query Number	Date Received	Acknowledged	Deputy / Senator	Query	Subst Reply Issued	Substantive Reply	Language	Quarter	Year
OIR/17/002	06/04/2017	07/04/2017	Deputy Catherine Murphy TD	To ask the Minister for Housing; Planning; Community and Local Government the number of private investigation firms hired by statutory agencies and or semi states under the aegis of his department in the past five years to date in 2017; the names of the firms; the amount they were paid; if they supplied his department with a report on completion of their work; if he will provide copies of reports submitted to him from these firms as a result of his engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	28/04/2017	An Bord Pleanála has not engaged any such service in the last five years.	EN	Q2	2017
OIR/17/003	03/05/2017	04/05/2017	Deputy Jack Chambers TD	Information on the use of the Trip Rate Information Computer System (TRICS) which is used for predicting traffic changes for proposed developments. Can you please outline how it is used by An Bord Pleanála generally and its role in decision making by the Board?	23/05/2017	<p>TRICS is a database containing empirically obtained trip generation data for a wide range of different types of development, enabling the calculation of vehicular and multi-modal trip rates. The database is frequently used (by applicants) as an input into a traffic model to predict the likely traffic and transport impact over a defined period.</p> <p>The TRICS Good Practice Guide 2016 provides advice on the appropriate use of the database including the selection of TRICS sites for trip rate calculation, which should be explained and justified by the applicant.</p> <p>In making a decision on relevant cases, the Board has regard to, inter alia, the Traffic and Transport Assessment Guidelines (NRA (now TII), May 2014), being the appropriate guidelines, in its assessment of the applicant's TTA. Regarding the use of the TRICS database, the guidelines advise that:</p> <p>'An anticipated trip rate profile can be obtained from databases such as the TRICS (Trip Rate Information Computer System) database, although it must be demonstrated that the survey sites selected are compatible with Irish conditions.' (p.17)</p> <p>In any assessment of traffic and transport impacts relating to a particular development, An Bord Pleanála will, in addition to the TTA and any supporting traffic modelling used by the applicant, also have regard to the submissions and observations of the Planning Authority Roads Engineer, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the National Transport Authority, appellants and, if so required, the Board's own independent appointed traffic and transportation consultant.</p>	EN	Q2	2017

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OIR/17/004	22/06/2017	23/06/2017	Deputy Catherine Murphy TD	The amount spent by State agencies / Bodies on outside contract and or third party public relations advice and training in past three years to date in 2017, by year and company engaged, in tabular form	04/07/2017	In response to your query, please find attached a document outlining the requested information in tabular format. (Click here for document)	EN	Q2	2017
OIR/17/005	27/06/2017	28/06/2017	Deputy Mick Wallace TD	The contracts awarded to Accenture per annum since March 2011, in tabular form; the cost per contract; the basis for each contract	04/07/2017	An Bord Pleanála did not engage Accenture on any contract or use it for any professional services from 2011 to the present date	EN	Q2	2017